GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:298
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
HAIL STORM IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the losses suffered by the North-Eastern region due to storm and hail-storm which struck this region recently;

(b) whether the affected States have sought assistance from the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

(d) the amount of assistance provided by the Union Government to each of these States so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. I. D. SWAMI)

(a) to (d): The States of Meghalaya and Sikkim reported damage due to storm and hailstorm during April-May, 2002. According to Government of Meghalaya, 3374 houses and public property amounting to Rs. 1.78 crore was damage in 392 villages of 12 blocks in 6 districts, besides loss of one human life. The Government of Sikkim informed about the extensive damage to crops, live stock and properties but no detailed report of damage in these areas was sent.

As per the existing scheme of financing the relief expenditure, State Governments are required to undertake necessary relief operations in the wake of natural disasters out of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). Additional assistance if needed is extended from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). No Memorandum for additional assistance has been received from these States.